(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the deficiencies, if any identified by Government in the measures taken so far to check the said clandestine trade;

(c) what is the estimated trade since the beginning of 1995 as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year;

(d) what are the areas identified where such illegal trade is being continued unabated; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to strengthen the measures to curb such illegal trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a), (b) and (e) There has been reports of illegal trade in tiger bones and other parts of its body because of high price that it commands in the international market. To tackle this menance, the enforcement machinery is required to be strengthened. The measures taken by the Government are as under:—

(i) The Ministry has set up a National Coordination Committee consisting of representatives of all major enforcement organisations to enable effective inter-departmental cooperation and coordination to deal with the problem of illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products.

(ii) Rewards are given to informers for gathering intelligence regarding illegal trade and smuggling of illegal wildlife products.

(iii) Raids are carried out by the Wildlife authorities, in cooperation with other enforcement agencies, where necessary, whenever infromation of illegal trading -in wildlife is received.

(iv) Training programmes on enforcement and implementation of wildlife and other related laws and international conventions have been organised for all the enforcement agencies in February and November, 1995.

(v) India is a signatory to the convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wildlife Fauna and Flora (CITES) under which international trade in endangered species and their parts and derivatives is strictly regulated.

(vi) A Committee set up by the Ministry to look into the issues related to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products, has recommended specific measures to deal with this problem and these are- being followed up with the State Governments for implementation.

(vii) Regional and sub-regional offices of the Wildlife Preservation have been set-up mainly at the major export centres of the country to prevent illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

(viii) A bilateral protocol on tiger conservation has been signed with Chine, which, linter-alia provides for cooperation in controlling poaching.

(c) and (d) No reliable information is available regarding the quantum or specific area of operation of the illegal trade.

Introduction of Mulri Mode Transport System

1586. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a single multi mode transport system is being planned for Delhi to cope up with the increasing volume of traffic on its roads;

(b) if so, what are its features and how it is expected to reduce traffic congestion; and

(c) the funds being earmarked for the

purpose and by when the work the project will be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) is being proposed for Delhi by Ministry of Urban Affaris and Employment to cope with the increasing volume of traffic. Revised Phase-I of this Project covers a length of 55.3 Kms. Besides, High Speed Trams System (HSTS) is also being proposed for a total distance of 177 Kms. HSTS is proposed to be on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. As this stage, it is too early to indicate time frame for HSTS.

Acquiring Rabindra Nath Tagore's London House

1587. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to acquire the house where Kaviguru Rabindra Nath Tagore lived in London; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Persons Missing After Uttaranchal Agitation

1588. DR. MURLI 'MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred question 419 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1995 and state:

(a) the names and addresses of persons allegad/reported to be missing after police action, at each of the places Mussorie, Khatima, Dehradun, Heldwani, Nainital, Pauri, Karriaprayag, Muzaffarnagar and other places in connection with uttaranchal agitation in 1994 and upto July, 1995;

(b) the details of cases in which CBI/ State Government have already registered/filed cases in Courts; and

(c) the number of cases in which investigations are still continuing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) As per available information the following five persons are not traceable:

1. Shri Dharmanand Bhatt, S/o Shri Moti Ram Bhatt, R/o Vill. Umarkala, Khatima, District, Nainital.
2. Shri Gopi Chand, S/o Shri Pratap Chand, R/o Vill. Ratanpiir, Khatima, District Nainital.
3. Shri Paramjeet Singh, S/o Shri Hari Nandan Singh, R/o Rajiv Nagar, Khatima, District Nainital.
4. Shri Rampal, S/o Shri Babu Ram, R/o Dandia Nangla near Bizaria Rly. Station, PS Nawab Ganj, District Bareilly; and
5. Shri Rajesh Negi, R/o Bhiyawala, Dehradun.

(b) and (c) In 24 cases relating to molestation and rape of women registered by the CBI, field investigations have already been completed and evidence is being assessed for filing report under Section 173 Cr. P.C. in the competent Court. In cases pertaining to wrongful confinement and restraint, sanction sought by CBI to prosecute certain officials has been accorded recently by the State Government. In the eleven cases involing death, investigation in complete in nine cases and evidence is being assessed.